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New Hampshire  
Year Ending December 31, 2005



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## TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

### **Board of Selectmen**

Keith Kidder	(2006)
Robert Patterson	(2007)
Paul Miller-White	(2008)

### **Town Clerk**

Nicole Ashton - Resigned	(10/31/05)
Robert Thibault - Appointed	(11/01/05)

### **Treasurer**

Patricia O'Brien Resigned	11/05/05
Barbara J. Collier - Appointed	Acting
Deputy Treasurer	11/07/05

### **Tax Collector**

Barbara Collier	(2006)
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### **Auditor**

Ralph Brigida	(2006)
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### **Moderator**

Jim Collier	(2006)
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### **Lafayette School Board**

Stephen North - Resigned	(2005)
Ardell Patterson - Appointed	

### **Trustee of the Trust Funds**

Angela Brigida	(2007)
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### **Cemetery Trustees**

Richard Larcom	(2006)
Patricia Every	(2007)

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Patricia O'Brien	(2006)
Amy Kelley	(2008)
Elizabeth Buxton	(December 2005)

### **Planning Board**

Kathy Ouellette	(2006)
Anita Craven	(2007)
Jim Collier	(2008)
Kevin O'Brien	(2008)

### **Planning Board**

Lon Ashton	Alternate
Ronnie Sandler	Alternate
Keith Kidder	(Ex Officio)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

### **Fire Chief**

Charles Casey
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### **Police Chief**

Chad Morris
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### **Health Officer**

Dr. Parker Towle, MD
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### **Emergency Manager**

Arthur Rainville
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### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Mike Kelley	(2007)
John Hynes	(2007)
Dennis Ford	(2008)
Jack Feenstra	(2008)
Paul White	(Ex Officio)
Greg Sorg	Alternate

### **Welfare Officer**

Keith Kidder
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### **Building Inspector**

Keith Kidder
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### **Road Agent**

Robert Peckett
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### **Recreation Committee**

Michael Kenney
Brian Canelas

### **Conservation Commission**

Richard Larcom	(2006)	Michael Platt	(2007)	Michael Kenney	(2008)
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**TOWN OF EASTON**  
**TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 8, 2005**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for voting on Article 1 and Article 2. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

The annual business meeting for the Town of Easton was called to order by the Moderator, Jim Collier, at 7:20 PM.

A motion was made by Barbara Collier to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by Bob Thibault.

**The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

To act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).**

**Selectman - 3 Year Term**

<b>Paul White</b>	<b>54</b>
Bob Thibault	2
Greg Sorg	1
Jim Collier	1
Bob Hackett	1

**Town Clerk - 1 Year Term**

<b>Nicole Ashton</b>	<b>61</b>
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**Treasurer - 1 Year Term**

<b>Patricia O'Brien</b>	<b>5</b>
Terri Rainville	1
Ruthann Benson	1
James Collier	1
Barbara Collier	1
Lucille Cole	1
Phyllis Towle	1
Ralph Brigida	1
A. Cole	1

**Tax Collector - 1 Year Term**

<b>Barbara Collier</b>	<b>63</b>
Patricia O'Brien	1

**Auditor - 1 Year Term**

<b>Ralph Brigida</b>	<b>61</b>
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**Planning Board - 3 Year Term**

<b>Jim Collier</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Kevin O'Brien</b>	<b>27</b>
Bob Thibault	22
Lon Ashton	8
Bruce Cole	2
Greg Sorg	1
Ralph Brigida	1
Mike Kenney	1

**Cemetery Trustee - 3 Year Term**

<b>Jeff Lax</b>	<b>3</b>
Greg Sorg	1
Barbara Collier	1
Richard Larcom	1
Mike Kelly	1

**Library Trustee - 3 Year Term**

<b>Jean Kennard</b>	<b>60</b>
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**Library Trustee - 2 Year Term**

<b>Barbara Collier</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Nicole Bell</b>	<b>8</b>
Gayle Noel	2
Nicole Ashton	2
Patricia O'Brien	1

**ARTICLE 2. To vote on a Planning Board Amendment. (ballot vote)**

To see if the Town will adopt a provision in the Easton Subdivision Regulations that authorizes the Planning Board to require Applicants for all major and minor subdivisions to submit a preliminary plan of their proposed subdivision to the Planning Board for preliminary review prior to submitting a so-called "completed" subdivision application. The proposal and preliminary plan must be submitted according to the provisions of the Easton Subdivision Regulations. (ballot vote)

This Article will require a preliminary review as opposed to suggesting one, as is now the case. In 2004, the New Hampshire Legislature amended RSA 674:35, so that Planning Boards may now require preliminary reviews if authorized by Town Meeting. See accompanying sheet for more information. (The Planning Board recommends this Article)

Yes 52 No 8

The Moderator, Jim Collier, thanked Jacked Feinstra, for filling in as Moderator pro tem during the ballot portion of the meeting.

### **ARTICLE 3. Town Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,924.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 – Executive	\$ 8,700.00
4140 – Election, Registration & Vital Stats & Town Clerk	6,450.00
4150 – Financial Administration	3,600.00
4152 – Revaluation of Individual Properties	600.00
4153 – Legal Expenses	5,000.00
4155 – Personnel Administration - Payroll Taxes	2,300.00
4191 – Planning & Zoning	6,000.00
4194 – Government Buildings	8,200.00
4195 – Cemetery	1,100.00
4196 – Insurance	4,700.00
4197 – Advertising & Regional Associations	1,750.00
4199 – Contingency Fund	5,000.00
4210 – Police Department	5,200.00
4215 – Ambulances	1,800.00
4220 – Fire Department	13,850.00
4290 – Forest Fire Control	700.00
4299 – Communications (Dispatch)	1,000.00
4312 – Highway Maintenance	27,000.00
4324 – Solid Waste Collection	250.00
4324 – Solid Waste	14,900.00
4414 – Animal & Pest Control	150.00
4415 – Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,370.00
4419 – Hospice	210.00
4442 – Welfare Assistance	2,000.00
4449 – Tri-County Community Action Program	700.00
4520 – Tri-Town Recreation Programs	3,920.00
4550 – Easton Library	500.00
4612 – Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 – Principal Payment on \$120,000 Construction Bond	6,000.00
4721 – Interest on \$120,000 Construction Bond	4,774.00
4723 – Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations before Warrant Articles	\$137,924.00

Bob Thibault moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,924.00 for general Town operations. Keith Kidder seconded the motion.

**The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 4. Easton Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for equipment acquisition and replacement for the Easton Fire Department. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Keith Kidder moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Bob Patterson.

**The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 5. Resurfacing/Repairing and Tree Trimming of Town Roads**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to continue the program of resurfacing, repairing and tree-trimming of Town roads. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Bob Patterson moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Bob Thibault.

**The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 6. Easton Fire Department Equipment Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,220.00 for the purchase of air packs and turnout gear. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, has awarded a \$32,200.00 grant to the Easton Fire Department for this purpose, subject to the Town raising and appropriating 10% of the grant amount (Federal share: \$29,000.00, Town share: \$3,220.00). (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Bob Thibault moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Keith Kidder.

**The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 7. Repairing the Town Hall Parking Area**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to repair and drain the area at the bottom of the ramp so that no water collects there. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Keith Kidder moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Bob Thibault.

Vince Bell asked about it being the original contractors responsibility to fix it.

Bob Thibault stated there was no recourse to have that done.

Lon Ashton asked where the estimate came from.

Bob Thibault said Bob Peckett gave the estimate.

Particia O'Brien asked if it is a "permanent" fix.

Keith Kidder said yes, but they are unsure of how it is going to be done.

Bob Thibault said it must be done as it freezes and causes an ice problem.

**The Article passed on a voice vote. Not all were in favor.**

#### **ARTICLE 8. Cementing Town Hall Basement Floor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to cement the portion of the Town Hall basement that is now dirt and usually is damp, if not wet, and to put a French drain around the perimeter on the inside connecting to the sump pump now in place. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Bob Patterson moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Barbara Collier.

Bob Patterson stated, that the amount was a "guesstimate" and would be a limit on any work to be done.

Pam McLaren stated, that the drainage for both areas should be looked at the same time to make sure one doesn't interfere with the other.

Ronnie Sandler stated, that the basement has always been wet, for over 70 years so why this year to fix it.

Greg Sorg said, in past years it was uncertain what would become of the building, as a whole so now that the building is being used and maintained it needs to be taken care of.

Lon Ashton suggested, that the Town obtain 3 bids and resubmit the Article next year.

Bob Thibault suggested, that the Town say yes this year and maybe it would be enough money to cover the cost, then it could be done sooner.

Paul White asked, if the \$7,000 amount came from a professional guess or just someone that had their basement redone or just "out of the air".

Bob Thibault stated, that it was not a professional guess as no contractors would come out and look at the job, it was the wrong time of the year and the cost of the concrete couldn't be determined.

**The Article passed on a voice vote. Not all were in favor.**

#### **ARTICLE 9. To establish a Conservation Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 35 to establish a Conservation Reserve Fund for the purpose of identifying and preserving the natural resources of the Town of Easton, and planning for the responsible growth of the Town. Spending authority is given to the Selectmen, assisted by the Conservation Commission, subject to the provisions of RSA 35. (This is a petitioned Article.)

Mike Platt moved that the Article be accepted as written, seconded by Richard Larcom.

Ralph Brigida (auditor) stated, that there was already an account.

Mike Platt stated, that the money didn't roll over from year to year.

Keith Kidder stated, the funds should roll over each year, conservation gets \$200 yearly for budget.

**The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 10. Allocating money to the Conservation Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will allocate 100% of the annual balance of the Land Use Reserve Fund to the Conservation Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25, II. (This is a petitioned Article.)

Mike Platt moved that the Article be accepted as written, seconded by Keith Kidder.

Lon Ashton asked, how much money is on the line?

Barbara Collier stated, in the last 20 years \$400 total.

Vince Bell asked, how does this preserve land?

Mike Platt said, they are trying to obtain grants to buy pieces of land to preserve.

Ralph Brigida said the account does roll over, it accumulates a new \$200 every year. The current balance is \$2,316.18.

Angela Brigida asked if the Conservation Commission didn't know they had a fund with extra money?

Ronnie Sandler asked if the Conservation Commission needed this account in order to accept grant money?

It was stated that they don't think so but if they don't use the new fund what does it hurt to have it?

Greg Sorg said if they need it then they have it, no harm no foul.

**The Article passed on a voice vote. Not all were in favor.**

**ARTICLE 11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.**

Keith Kidder asked to be recognized, the Moderator gave permission.

Keith wanted to introduce Chad Morris (absent) as the new Police Chief.

Recognized Terri Rainville (absent) for resigning as the Treasurer.

Recognized Bob Thibault (present) resigning as Selectman.

Bob Thibault said "It has been a pleasure and more citizens of the Town should try it".

Moderator, Jim Collier, pointed out that there is a lot of useful information on the back table in the Meeting Room.

Barbara Collier announced the Select Boards new hours, every other Monday; the schedule is inside the back cover of the Town Report.

Terry Drew suggested that the Town decide where to store all the archives she has been sorting from the attic.

Mike Platt invited everybody to watch a power point presentation of the topographical maps the Conservation Commission has been working on, after the meeting.

Bob Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keith Kidder.

**The meeting closed at 8:50 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Ashton, Easton Town Clerk

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen continue to conduct the routine business of the Town. These duties include:

- Working and supporting the various Town positions,
- Reviewing and approving building and logging permits,
- Managing property reappraisals,
- Providing guidance to landowners regarding zoning and subdivision regulations,
- Enforcing the Town ordinances,
- Making welfare and tax abatement decisions,
- Working to resolve various infractions of our Town regulations in a fair and equitable manner,
- Working with legal counsel on a court action recently resolved,
- Enforcing the Easton Zoning Ordinance as required by state statute,
- Attending municipal law lectures to keep abreast of changes in the state laws impacting our community.

### Other Items of Note

**Town Reassessment:** We have now completed our state mandated Town reassessment. This was the first time in 18 years that Easton's homes and property were reassessed. As a result of the reassessment the total value increased from \$27,000,000 to \$60,000,000. However the tax rate was lowered from \$16.60 to \$7.32 per thousand.

**Easton Fire Department:** The Easton Fire Department has continued to provide our community with their support and protection. The Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for their professionalism and contributions to the community. A separate Fire Department activity summary may be found elsewhere in this Annual Report.

**Roads:** In addition to the usual road maintenance program, Bob Peckett and the State DOT paved the Town parking lot and improved the walkway to the Town Hall. Recently, Mr. Peckett, advised the Selectmen of the future work needed to maintain the present paved roads. As a result of Mr. Peckett's report a special Town Warrant is included for consideration.

**Town Government Personnel Changes:** There have been personnel changes this year in the positions of Town Clerk and Treasurer. Nicole Ashton and Patricia O'Brien were unable to continue in their positions. We appreciated their work and recognize that they performed ably in those positions. Both resigned due to personal reasons in order to assist elderly family members.

Fortunately, once again, Barbara Collier came to the rescue and volunteered to substitute as Town Treasurer. Also, we are most appreciative of Bob Thibault's willingness to become Town Clerk. Thank you, Barbara and Bob.

Our former Select Board Chairman, Bob Craven, discussed the need for Public Service in the 2003 Town report. Bob's comments are as important today. He stated:

"Town government can only function effectively when capable residents volunteer to serve on the various Town boards and committees that make government work. We urge all residents to meet their civic responsibilities, and to avail themselves of the many opportunities to serve on one or more of our several Town boards and committees. This can be a valuable learning, as well as personally rewarding experience."

As this report goes to press we have vacancies in a Selectman's position, two Cemetery Trustees, Tax Collector, and two Supervisors of the Checklist.

**Kinsman Valley Club:** The Kinsman Valley Club contributed their remaining funds to the General Fund for the purpose of improving the Town Hall. One of the first items of business for the Selectmen following the District Meeting will be to study the possible improvements needed in the Town Hall.

**Emergency Committee:** Two very important members of our community have volunteered to assist us to effectively respond to future emergencies. Dr. Parker Towle and Dr. Campbell McLaren are forming an emergency committee in response to both Federal and State recommendations. Their goal is to establish protocols that will assist the Town to meet future medical and other potential emergencies. Many communities in the State are responding to these recommendations. The possible outbreak of Avian flu is an example of a potential emergency situation. We have asked these physicians to speak to the community at our Town meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Selectmen of Easton,  
Bob Patterson, Chair  
Keith Kidder  
Paul White

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2005	Actual 2005	Estimated 2006
<b>Taxes:</b>			
3185 Timber Taxes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,574.00	\$ 500.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	15,000.00	18,741.00	15,000.00
3188 Excavation Tax	0.00	15.00	0.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	1,000.00	603.00	500.00
<b>Licenses, Permits, &amp; Fees:</b>			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	40,000.00	53,258.00	40,000.00
3230 Building Permits	100.00	575.00	100.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	500.00	610.00	500.00
<b>From Federal Government:</b>	28,998.00	28,980.00	0.00
<b>From State:</b>			
3351 Shared Revenues	900.00	1,315.00	1,000.00
3352 Rooms & Meals Tax	7,000.00	10,314.00	8,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	8,007.00	8,007.00	7,815.00
3359 Other & Grant Money	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Charges For Services:</b>			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	1,500.00	608.00	500.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues:</b>			
3502 Interest on Investments	300.00	1,434.00	300.00
3504 Fines & Forfeits	0.00	600.00	200.00
3509 Miscellaneous Income	100.00	1,291.00	0.00
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
3934 Fund Balance (“Surplus”) to Reduce Taxes	<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenue &amp; Credits</b>	<b>\$146,405.00</b>	<b>\$173,925.00</b>	<b>\$124,415.00</b>

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Subtotal 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$137,924.00	\$153,794.00
Subtotal 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	1,000.00	9,000.00
Subtotal 3 “Individual” Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>48,220.00</u>	<u>28,500.00</u>
<b>Total Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>\$187,144.00</b>	<b>\$191,294.00</b>
<b>Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues &amp; Credits</b>	<b><u>146,405.00</u></b>	<b><u>124,415.00</u></b>
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 40,739.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,879.00</b>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2005	Actual 2005	Budgeted 2006
<b>General Government:</b>			
4130 Executive	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 11,609.00	\$ 13,425.00
4140 Election, Reg., Town Clerk	6,450.00	7,058.00	6,900.00
4150 Financial Administration	3,600.00	3,836.00	3,900.00
4152 Revaluation of Properties	600.00	0.00	3,500.00
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
4155 Personnel Administration	2,300.00	1,087.00	1,600.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	6,000.00	1,777.00	3,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	8,200.00	8,045.00	9,100.00
4195 Cemetery	1,100.00	1,075.00	1,300.00
4196 Insurance	4,700.00	4,373.00	4,700.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,770.00
4199 Other General Government	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,500.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
4210 Police Department	5,200.00	1,282.00	3,500.00
4215 Ambulances	1,800.00	300.00	500.00
4220 Fire Department	13,850.00	15,500.00	16,000.00
4290 Emergency Management	700.00	0.00	700.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,719.00
<b>Highways and Streets:</b>			
4312 Highway Maintenance	27,000.00	34,108.00	32,000.00
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
4323 Solid Waste Collection	250.00	0.00	250.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	14,900.00	14,108.00	14,711.00
Administration	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Health:</b>			
4414 Animal and Pest Control	150.00	140.00	150.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hospice	1,580.00	1,580.00	1,580.00
<b>Welfare:</b>			
4441-4442 Welfare Assistance (Town)	2,000.00	453.00	2,000.00
4449 Other Welfare (Tri-County)	700.00	700.00	700.00
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
4520 Tri-Town Recreation Program	3,920.00	5,141.00	5,500.00
4550 Easton Library	500.00	274.00	500.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Conservation:</b>			
4612 Conservation Commission	200.00	0.00	200.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
4711 Construction Bond - Principal	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
4721 Construction Bond - Interest	4,774.00	4,774.00	4,489.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$137,924.00</b>	<b>\$131,970.00</b>	<b>\$153,794.00</b>

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2005

Total Town Appropriations Budgeted	\$187,144.00
Less: Town Revenues Budgeted	(160,536.00)
Less: Shared Revenue To Town	(313.00)
Add: Overlay	8,121.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>3,950.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	38,366.00
 - School Portion -	
Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	336,975.00
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00
Less: Additional FY04 Targeted Aid	0.00
State Education Taxes	<u>(132,417.00)</u>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	204,558.00
 <b>State Education Taxes</b>	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.84	46,625,572.00
	132,417.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) 60,830,720	0.00
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00
 <b>Total County Appropriation</b>	72,892.00
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(156.00)</u>
Net County Appropriation	72,736.00
Total Property Tax Assessed	448,077.00
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(3,950.00)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	<b>\$444,127.00</b>

<b>2005 Tax Rate</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>2004 Tax Rate</b>		<b>%</b>
Town	\$ .62	.08	Town	\$ 1.58	.10
County	1.19	.16	County	2.33	.14
School	3.33	.46	School	8.39	.50
State	2.18	.30	State	4.30	.26
	<u>\$7.32/1000</u>	100%		<u>\$16.60/1000</u>	100%

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$29,722,372.00
Buildings	30,496,400.00
Less Elderly Exemption	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$60,198,772.00
Electric Utilities	<u>2,796.47</u>
Total Valuation	\$60,201,568.47

## BALANCE SHEET

**December 31, 2005**  
**Accrual Basis**

### ASSETS

Cash In Banks and On Hand	\$110,538.27
Property Taxes Receivable	164,427.25
Tax Liens Receivable	740.50
Reserve For Abatements & Uncollectibles	(4,418.55)
Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$272,730.44</u></u>

### LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Due To School Districts	\$146,148.00
Accounts Payable	24,360.50
Property Tax Overpayments	<u>7,514.87</u>
Total Liabilities	\$178,023.37
Reserve For Conservation Fund	\$ 2,325.14
Reserve For Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 3,768.11
Fund Surplus – Unrestricted	<u><u>90,938.96</u></u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>94,707.07</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u><u>\$272,730.44</u></u>

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Land at Town Hall & Fire Station	\$ 29,450.00
Other Land	22,400.00
Building - Town Hall	239,342.00
Building - Fire Station	63,261.00
Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall	9,877.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	156,055.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library	2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$523,785.00

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2005 in accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines and generally accepted auditing standards applied on a consistent basis with that of the prior year.

In my opinion, these books and the reports prepared from them that appear in the Annual Town Report present fairly the financial position and operating revenues and expenditures of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor  
February 12, 2006

## TREASURER'S REPORT for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Bank Balance- January 1, 2005	\$271,877.11
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Tax Collector	\$312,344.47
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles	53,973.00
From Federal & State Government	38,376.79
Bank Interest	1,434.00
Grants	28,980.00
Other Sources	<u>34,115.30</u>
Total Receipts	\$469,223.56
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Grafton County - County Taxes	\$ 72,892.00
School Districts	342,555.00
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>215,115.40</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$630,562.40</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2005	\$110,538.27

**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**  
**As of December 31, 2005**

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance 1/01/02	\$120,000.00	\$58,425.00	\$178,425.00
Payments to 2004	18,000.00	16,031.48	34,031.48
Payments to 2005	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>4,773.74</u>	<u>10,773.74</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/05	\$ 96,000.00	\$37,619.78	\$133,619.78

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2005**

1080	Property Taxes	\$305,565.64
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	543.00
2025	Payroll Taxes	1,146.74
3185	Yield Taxes	5,573.59
3186	Federal Government-Payment in Lieu of Taxes	18,741.00
3188	Excavation Activity Tax-Current	15.00
3190	Penalties & Interest	647.24
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	53,258.50
3230	Building Permits	575.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	609.50
3351	Shared Revenue Block Grant	1,315.00
3352	Rooms and Meals Tax-State of NH	10,313.81
3353	Highway Block Grant-State of NH	8,006.98
3359	Grant Money Received & Other	28,980.00
3401	Income For All Departments	608.00
3502	Bank Interest	1,434.00
3504	Fines & Forfeits	600.00
3509	Miscellaneous Income	1,290.56
3915	Transfers From Capital Reserve	<u>30,000.00</u>
2005	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$469,223.56</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS - 2005

4130-000	Executive			
100	Salaries-Selectmen, Moderator	\$ 1,675.00		
150	Secretary Salary	4,023.33		
200	Fees-NHMA Lectures	70.00		
300	Outside Svcs (Cartographics Assc., Tax Maps)	852.00		
600	Office Expenses and Miscellaneous	<u>4,317.09</u>	\$ 10,937.42	
4140	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics			
100	Salary- Town Clerk	5,011.50		
200	Fees-Town Clerk	38.00		
500	Election & Voter Registration	118.00		
600	Office & Miscellaneous	<u>1,621.88</u>	6,789.38	
4150	Financial Administration			
100	Salaries-Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	2,305.00		
200	Fees & Miscellaneous	113.74		
600	Office Expenses & Bank Service Charges	<u>1,376.43</u>	3,795.17	
4152	Revaluation of Individual Properties			19,770.00
4153	Legal Expenses			0.00
4155	Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes			1,086.68
4191	Planning & Zoning			1,726.10
4194	Government Buildings			
400	Utilities	6,299.90		
800	Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	1,052.81		
900	Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	<u>786.50</u>	8,139.21	
4195	Cemetery			
600	Misc., Office Expenses, Memorial Day	0.00		
900	Mowing & Maintenance	<u>1,075.00</u>	1,075.00	
4196	Insurance			
100	Property Liability-NHMA	3,740.23		
200	Worker's Comp.-Primex	<u>633.10</u>	4,373.33	
4197	Advertising & Regional Associations			1,750.35
4199	Contingencies - Fire Department			5,000.00
4210	Police Department			
100	Police Chief-Labor	568.00		
600	Services & Expenses	<u>523.47</u>	1,091.47	
4215	Ambulances			300.00
4220	Fire Department			
100	Salary-Fire Chief	600.00		
110	Firefighters Call Pay	1,417.50		
200	Training, Dues & Other	445.00		
400	Utilities	<u>3,383.24</u>		



**TOWN OF EASTON**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**MARCH 14, 2006**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Polls will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).**

**ARTICLE 2. Town Operating Budget**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,794.00 for general Town operations as follows:**

4130 - Executive	\$ 13,425.00
4140 - Election, Registration & Vital Stats & Town Clerk	6,900.00
4150 - Financial Administration	3,900.00
4152 - Revaluation of Individual Properties	3,500.00
4153 - Legal Expenses	5,000.00
4155 - Personnel Administration - Payroll Taxes	1,600.00
4191 - Planning & Zoning	3,500.00
4194 - Government Buildings	9,100.00
4195 - Cemetery	1,300.00
4196 - Insurance	4,700.00
4197 - Advertising & Regional Associations	1,770.00
4199 - Contingency Fund	7,500.00
4210 - Police Department	3,500.00
4215 - Ambulances	500.00
4220 - Fire Department	16,000.00
4290 - Forest Fire Control	700.00
4299 - Communications (Dispatch)	1,719.00
4312 - Highway Maintenance	32,000.00
4324 - Solid Waste Collection	250.00
4324 - Solid Waste	15,711.00
4414 - Animal & Pest Control	150.00
4415 - Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,580.00
4442 - Welfare Assistance	2,000.00
4449 - Tri-County Community Action Program	700.00
4520 - Tri-Town Recreation Programs	5,500.00
4550 - Easton Library	500.00
4583 - Patriotic Purposes	100.00
4612 - Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 - Principal Payment on \$120,000 Construction Bond	6,000.00
4721 - Interest on \$120,000 Construction Bond	4,489.00
4723 - Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	0.00
Total Appropriations before Warrant Articles	\$153,794.00

**ARTICLE 3. Resurfacing/Repairing and Tree Trimming of Town Roads**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to continue the program of resurfacing, repairing and tree-trimming of Town roads. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

**ARTICLE 4. Cementing Town Hall Basement Floor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to cement the portion of the Town Hall basement that is now dirt and usually is damp, if not wet, and to put a French drain around the perimeter on the inside connecting to the sump pump now in place. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

**ARTICLE 5. Purchase an Emergency Generator**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase and install an emergency generator for the Town Hall. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

**ARTICLE 6. To establish a Town Road Repaving Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Road Repaving Capital Reserve Fund to provide necessary resources to repave the paved Town roads in a systematic fashion and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 towards this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

**ARTICLE 7. Painting the Interior of the Fire Station**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to clean and then paint the interior of the Town Fire Station. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

**ARTICLE 8. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.**

Selectmen of Easton  
Keith Kidder  
Robert Patterson  
Paul Miller-White

## NOTES

600	Office & Miscellaneous	1,111.99
630	Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	2,811.32
635	Truck Fuel	77.86
700	Equipment & Small Tools	4,273.51
800	Building Maintenance & Supplies	<u>1,026.57</u>
		15,146.99
4290-000	Emergency Management-Forest Fire	
100	Labor	0.00
700	Equipment	<u>0.00</u>
		0.00
4299	Emergency Management-Communication	1,000.00
4312	Highway Maintenance	34,137.86
4324	Solid Waste	
100	Administration	1,000.00
200	Disposal	<u>14,107.50</u>
		15,107.50
4414	Animal and Pest Control	140.00
4415	Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,370.00
4419	Other Health-Hospice	210.00
4442	Welfare Assistance (town)	452.97
4449	Other Welfare-Tri County CAP	700.00
4520	Tri-Town Recreation Programs	
100	Administrative Fees	1,000.00
200	Programs	<u>3,508.80</u>
		4,508.80
4550	Easton Library	274.16
4711	Construction Bond - Principal	6,000.00
4721	Construction Bond - Interest	4,773.74
4902	Capital Expenses - Fire Equipment	32,555.00
4909	Repair Town Hall Parking Lot	2,855.40
4915	Transfers to Capital Reserve	1,000.00
4931	County Taxes	72,892.00
4933	School Districts	342,555.00
2022	Property Tax Overpayments Refunded	3,047.87
2070	State of New Hampshire – Donor Town	<u>26,001.00</u>
	Totals Disbursements	\$630,562.40

**TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Levies of 2005 and Prior**

**DEBITS**

		Levies of:	
		2005	2004
		Prior	
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110		\$22,709.00
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$441,345.53	
Land Use Change	#3120	0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	5,573.59	
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd	#3187	0.00	
Utility Charges	#3189	2,796.47	
Additional Taxes	#3110	1,629.00	
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	#3110	7,514.87	
Costs & Adjustments		235.14	35.50
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Debits		\$459,094.60	\$23,283.31

**CREDITS**

Remitted To Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$283,527.64	\$22,053.00
Land Use Change		0.00	
Yield Taxes		5,573.59	
Interest (include lien conversion)		66.12	538.81
Costs			35.50
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd			
Utility Charges			
Conversion to Lien			656.00
Discounts Allowed Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes		5,500.00	
Overpayment		0.00	
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080			
Property Taxes		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Credits		\$459,094.60	\$23,283.31

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

### DEBITS

<u>Tax Liens Executed to Town</u>	2004	2003
Unredeemed Taxes Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$543.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	740.50	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>0.00</u>	<u>91.31</u>
Total Debits	\$740.50	\$634.31

### CREDITS

#### Remitted To Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$543.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	0.00	91.31
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	<u>740.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$740.50	\$634.31

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$53,144.50
Titles	114.00
Dog Registrations	512.50
Penalties	52.00
Certified Copies	12.20
Marriage License	45.00
Miscellaneous	<u>92.80</u>

Total Transferred to Town \$53,973.00

**Office Hours**

Thursday Afternoon  
 1 PM - 6 PM and by Appointment

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robert Thibault, Town Clerk

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
April 4, 2005 Littleton, NH	Adam Victor Bell	Vincent Bell Nicole Bell
April 4, 2005 Littleton, NH	Sophia Denise Bell	Vincent Bell Nicole Bell
April 10, 2005 Plymouth, NH	Brady Michael Morris	Chad Morris Kristie Morris
September 26, 2005 Easton, NH	Satchel P. Miller-White	Paul Miller-White Kyler Miller-White

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
April 23, 2005 Bartlett, NH	Matthew G. Koehler Shelley M. Cross	Easton, NH Easton, NH
October 2, 2005 Easton, NH	Andrew L. Noyes Bette L. Cross	Easton, NH Littleton, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased
March 30, 2005 - Easton, NH	David Goodwin
December 5, 2005 - Easton, NH	Stephen North
December 8, 2005	Elizabeth Buxton

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as this is my first report as Chief of Police. My name is Chad Morris and I am a 14 year veteran of law enforcement. I currently work full-time for the Grafton County Sheriff's Department as a Sergeant. Prior to the Sheriff's Department, I worked full-time in the Town of Lincoln as a Police Officer for approximately seven years. I reside in Town with my family and have been here for almost five years.

I accepted the position of Chief in October of 2004. I viewed 2005 as a building year. I evaluated the structure of the Department and started with the basics. I updated the forms and answered inquiries as the position was vacant for some time. I had a Department patch made from a sample that I received from retired Chief Every. The patch contains the Town Building, Route 116 and the Kinsman Range. I obtained a uniform for the patches to go on, as well as, business cards utilizing the patch as a logo.

The past year contained the following calls for service: welfare check, animal complaints, suspicious activities, criminal trespass, criminal threatening, concerned citizens, motor vehicle accidents, road washout, unlawful possession investigations, untimely death, civil issue, noise complaints, and follow up on 911 calls. The normal business contained administrative duties, issuance of pistol permits, as well as compliance with the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

I am currently a member of two different committees representing the Town. I am a member of the All Hazards Committee which was recently formed in Town to review the current Emergency Management Plan, as well as, all other "trendy hazards" such as the potential "bird flu". I am also a member of a new committee involving the Profile School District, Bethlehem Police, Franconia Police, Sugar Hill Police, and DCYF. Lastly, I became a member of the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association.

We are a small community and need to look out for each other. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood or something that is out of the ordinary, do not hesitate to call the Grafton County Sheriff's Department Dispatch at (787-6911) or 911 if needed. I hope you all have a safe and prosperous 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chad M. Morris

## EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2005 was a great year for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department and for the Residents of the Town. The Volunteer Fire Department has once again proven its effectiveness and value to the Town of Easton and the many surrounding Towns that Easton Volunteer Fire Department provides mutual aid to.

Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 15 calls in 2005 and these calls are broken down as follows:

Fire Alarm Activations	3	Boiler Fires	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	Chimney Fires	1
Report of smoke investigations including controlled burns			1
Mutual Aid given for fires: Franconia	3	Littleton	1

The Easton Volunteer Firefighters were active participants in Tri-Town drills throughout the year and maintained an excellent drill schedule within the Town of Easton each month as well. All the drills are aimed at better preparedness and greater understanding for each firefighter as to how to approach specific areas of Fire Service that they are likely to encounter. As usual, the drills were effective.

The Easton Fire Department once again applied for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) Grants and was awarded two specific grants in 2005 that provided 90% funding for 12 complete sets of "Turn out Gear" a/k/a firefighters protective clothing including 4 brand new state of the art NG-50 SCOTT AIR PACKS. This allowed for all the firefighters to have clothing that comply with the newest NFPA standard and greater protects the firefighter while he/she is engaged in fighting fire and exposure to hazardous conditions. The new Scott Air Packs take advantage of today's technology and allows for greater protection for the firefighters with regard to breathing inside a burning building or within a hazardous breathing environment.

The Second FEMA Grant provided funding for a R.I.T. (rapid intervention team) pack. The R.I.T. pack is designed to help out at a working fire scene when a firefighter or occupant of a burning building is in need of air IMMEDIATELY. The pack provides ease in "quick connecting" air hoses and face masks to the intended recipient in need of immediate air. These circumstances arise when a firefighter happens upon an incapacitated person in a place where breathing without a Scott Air Pack is hazardous and/or if search and rescue is needed for a fallen firefighter who is trapped, etc. The R.I.T. pack has great potential for the Town of Easton and the surrounding Towns that do not currently have R.I.T. packs available. A special team of four Easton Volunteer Firefighters are currently being trained in aspects of R.I.T. response and effectiveness and is expected to be ready in 2006 for deployment if needed.

We the Volunteers and Firefighters of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department want to say a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all the folks who support us in our endeavor to serve our community with pride each and every year. We will stand ready and when called to action, respond with great skill, courage and honor.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Easton Volunteer Firefighters  
Charles Casey, Chief

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Principal & Interest End of Year
	Balance 01/01/05	Added Funds or Reinvested	Expended Funds	Balance 12/31/05	Income 01/01/05	Expended	
Trust Funds							
Cemetery	\$8,260.25	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$8,260.25	\$3,046.87	\$239.05	\$0.00
Library Memorial	550.00	100.00	0.00	650.00	402.98	4.01	0.00
Total Trust Funds	<u>\$8,810.25</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$8,910.25</u>	<u>\$3,449.85</u>	<u>\$243.06</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Capital Reserve Funds							
Equipment	\$ 343.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$343.78	\$ .98	\$ 2.10	\$ 0.00
Town Revaluation	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	813.19	324.16	1,137.35
Total Reserve Funds	<u>\$30,343.78</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$343.78</u>	<u>\$814.17</u>	<u>\$326.26</u>	<u>\$1,137.35</u>
						<u>\$3.08</u>	<u>\$346.86</u>

## PLANNING BOARD

Bringing local ordinances and regulations into line with enabling legislation would seem a simple task. Your Planning Board can testify to the fact that satisfying such a goal is far from easy, quick or simple. The Board finished the year having had a Public Hearing on the first three of six sections of the Subdivision Regulations and the goal of holding a final hearing in February.

The results of over two years of consideration, research and legal review have resulted in a rewrite of the Subdivision Regulations protecting Easton's long established basic policy. The changes that have been made bring our regulations into agreement with State Legislation and make them easier to read and utilize from the lay person or developer's point of view. This is consistent with the mind of the Legislature in that the Town must be of assistance to those who would develop within the Town. The goal being to control costs and move projects forward as quickly as due consideration will allow.

The untiring work of Anita Craven as previous Chair and as sub-committee Chair has aided the members in the task. Her constant research, communications and visitations to neighboring communities provided the Board with a wealth of information and materials to ascertain that our work would be as user friendly as any lay board could achieve.

Looking ahead, the Board has scheduled a review of the Easton Master Plan during 2006. Statute indicates that this effort should be made at least every ten years. The initial and most important stage will be a survey of our citizens to determine just how they see the future of our Town, Easton. The survey will attempt to determine our collective desires for the look, feel and visual beauty of the place we call "home". The last time a survey was taken, over ten years ago, a significant percentage of the population responded. It is the desire of the Board to provide opportunity for every one of our citizens to respond. The Master Plan should really represent the realistic goals of the people who live here. The Board sincerely asks you to consider the survey and return it immediately so the Master Plan may go forward to Public Hearing and finality representing your ideas before the years end.

Participation in the Planning Board is not difficult and does not require specific skills, education or training. Serving as an Alternate is a good way to get acquainted with the process of serving. Alternate positions are open as this report goes to press. The Board meets the first Wednesday of every month between 7 and 9 in the evening. We welcome new participants as well as public attendance. It is interesting, challenging, at times a lot of fun, and very satisfying. The quality of life enjoyed in Easton is dependent on participation of its citizens and how well they plan their future. Please attend a meeting or call a Board member for additional information on how you may help shape the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Craven  
Kevin O'Brien  
Kathy Ouellette  
Keith Kidder, ex officio for Selectmen  
Jim Collier, Chairman

## LIBRARY REPORT

It has been another good year for the Library though almost all patrons come on Thursdays, perhaps because the hours coincide with the Town Clerk's. We are thinking of cutting the Saturday hours but will keep them if a number of people plan on using them. Let me know.

I have not been very good about updating the Library website but that will be remedied by the time you read this. We have many new books. The Web address is [www.picturetrail.com/eastonnh](http://www.picturetrail.com/eastonnh). We have the promised donation of a computer and frequently get offers of books that we have to reject because of lack of space.

The room next to the Library is only being used for storage of Town papers which could remain there and still leave room for a computer desk, more shelving and perhaps a couple of chairs and a coffee pot. We'll ask the Selectmen about this if the people are interested. We are also hoping in some way to connect to the Town's satellite connection. This would give us links to the State Library's system which has many resources and also provide speedy internet service to everyone in Town. Volunteers stand by to teach those who do not have their own computers but would like to use one. We should like to get your responses to the computer idea, too. Contact me at [jeankennard@directory.com](mailto:jeankennard@directory.com) or by mail at Box 59, Franconia.

Jean Kennard

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

2005 was a year of transition for the Franconia Life Squad from a non-transporting first response unit to a full transporting ambulance service and from our members being volunteers to being paid on call similar to the fire department. Commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> the Life Squad began transporting its patients to Littleton Regional Hospital.

Our members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. They are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves. Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are constantly training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a refresher course and an extensive practical exam. All members exceed the minimum required training and most far exceed the minimum.

Currently, three of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and three are in the process of being certified at the advanced life support level which allows them to administer medications and start intravenous lines. Many have other specialized certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care.

The Franconia Life Squad works very closely with the area Police Departments and the Fire Departments. Working as a seamless team allows for a quick and professional mitigation of an emergency situation. The Franconia Life Squad currently has more active members than it has in its 34-year history. Current active members of the Franconia Life Squad include:

Asst. Chief Bill Mead  
Robert Anthony  
Lani Brown  
Amy Cyrs  
John Ireland

Chief Dean Wright  
Bill Blackwell  
Brian Canelas  
Chris Fowler  
Gareth Slattery  
Dan Walker

Captain Flo Place  
Tim Bray  
Allan Clark  
Jeff Gould  
Mark Taylor

The Franconia Life Squad is highly respected by other EMS organizations and is held in high regard with Littleton Regional Hospital. It is well equipped and has highly professional well-trained members.

	<u>Franconia</u>	<u>Sugar Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>2005 Total</u>	<u>2004 Total</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	51	5	2	58	57
Medical Emergencies	47	18	7	72	73
Trauma Emergencies	24	7	4	35	8
Lifeline Activations	1	2	0	3	3
Rescues	3	0	0	3	4
Fire Dept. Assists	1	0	0	1	6
Total Patients	127	32	13	172	151
Transported by Ross	16	19	5	40	N/A
Transported by FLS	48	1	6	55	N/A

During 2005 the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area twenty-four hours a day seven days a week with quality emergency medical care. I sincerely thank the townspeople for their support and especially thank the members of the life squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dean Wright  
 Chief, Franconia Life Squad

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2005 proved to be a highly successful year for our Transfer Station/Recycling Center. Despite the growth of our towns, garbage tonnage actually decreased by nearly 17 tons to 535.5 tons. Recycling tonnage rose by over 28 tons, giving us a recycling rate of 43%. This increase in recycling tonnage combined with strong markets though most of the year pushed our recycling income over the \$30,000 mark.

We recycled:	216 tons of paper products
	18 tons of plastic
	12 tons of tin cans
	4 tons of aluminum cans
	56 tons of scrap metal
	<u>101 tons of glass</u>
Total	407 Tons

During 2005 we made several improvements to our recycling receiving area designed to protect our attendants from the harshest winter weather. We also hope to replace our skid steer loader in 2006. Thanks to our recycling income we have been able to finance these projects without additional funds from taxpayers.

As a member of the Pemi Baker solid waste district we are participating in one of the only paint recycling programs in the northeast. We will accept paint for recycling at the transfer station during the warm months (May to October). Most but not all types of paint are acceptable for recycling so please ask us for further details. There will be another Household Hazardous Waste collection in Littleton this June but the exact date is yet to be determined.

Greg, Chris and I thank you, our customers, for your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Marshall  
Transfer Station Manager

## RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation Program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton.

Our 2004 - 2005 basketball season went extremely well, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys team and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team dominated area basketball teams. Later in the season both teams combined with Bethlehem to create an all-star powerhouse team in each age grouping that went on to several tournaments. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls combined with Bethlehem girls early in the season to create a team, which played many local girls teams of the same age group. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams played several games. The girl's team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would soon see at Profile. Many thanks to the coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Roxi Wessels, Scott Knowlton and our Bethlehem coaches!

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. Our t-ball team, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and major league softball completed our roster. Many of our coaches continued to coach and many players had the opportunity to continue to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Many thanks to our coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Tom Eyman, Heidi Wright, Kirk Luce, Jeff Malcolm, Gareth Slattery and Tina Weed. Also thanks to our umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full 8 super sunny weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. Summer Rec. involved lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors Anne Cowles and Jenna Serino. Thank you to Franconia Police Officer Taylor before school started! Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer campers, Franconia Children Center's pre-school campers through our third grade Rec campers. Water Safety instructions were on the Tuesdays for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders while we were at Echo Lake for the day.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the field for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use smaller fields and goals at the school where the older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to the referees, parent volunteers and coaches Mark Simpson, Steve Berlack, Derek Annesar, Brian Canelas, Scott Knowlton, Linda Johnson, Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Jeff Malcolm and Gareth Slattery who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

Funds made available through the State of New Hampshire's Land and Water Conservation Fund program made it possible for us to level the far end of the Dow Strip for additional playing fields and replace the playground equipment and improve landscaping on the Dow Strip. Many thanks to numerous volunteers that assisted not

only financially, but with their services or equipment in helping get our new playground up and ready for the summer season.

This winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see many of you out there with your skates on and ready for a good time. We are looking to bring back “Family Night” at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you’ll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Germain, Recreation Director and  
The Tri-Town Recreation Committee  
**Easton:** Brian Canelas & Mike Kinney  
**Franconia:** Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm &  
William “Red” McCarthy  
**Sugar Hill:** Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

## **Town of Easton**

## **FEES**

### **(Subject to Change)**

#### **Building Permit Application Fees**

Up to 1300 sq. ft. - \$50.00

Over 2000 sq. ft. - \$55.00

Over 3000 sq. ft. - \$60.00

Alterations to Existing Structures - \$25.00

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**9-1-1 Building Numbering - \$25.00**

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**Current Use Application - \$20.00**

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**Driveway Permit Applications for Town Roads - \$20.00**

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**Reappraisal Charges - \$40.00**

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#### **Subdivision Application Fees**

Minor and Major Subdivisions: \$20.00

Plus An Additional \$5.00 For Each Lot Over The First Three

Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: \$10.00

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#### **Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances**

Easton Taxpayers - Free

Others - \$10.00

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#### **Copies**

Easton Taxpayers - \$.10 per page

Others - \$.25 per page

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#### **Clerical Time To Meet Miscellaneous Information Requests**

\$20.00 per hour, payable before information is released

## **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**9-1-1**

**POLICE – FIRE  
MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**POLICE EMERGENCY  
9-1-1**

### **POLICE OFFICER**

Chad Morris – 787-2111 Ext. 103  
Or Dial “0” for Dispatch

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Charles Casey – 823-5045

### **FIRE WARDENS**

Arthur Rainville – 823-9558  
Jon Place – 823-8759  
Paul White – 823-8134  
John Wilcoxson – 444-0673

### **TOWN CLERK'S HOURS**

Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017  
Fax – 823-7780  
Thursday Afternoon  
1 PM – 6 PM

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 2006

An Up-To-Date  
**RABIES CERTIFICATE**  
Is required in Easton to License a dog.

**A \$15.00 Forfeit if not Licensed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## DATE DUE

### January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	*9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	*25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### April

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### July

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### October

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29	*30	31				

### August

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27	28	29	30	31		

### March

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### June

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### September

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### November

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### December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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\* Selectmen's Meeting – 6:30 p.m. every other Monday evening

Planning Board Meetings – 7:00 p.m. first Wednesday of each month

Town Clerk Sessions – Thursdays 1:00-6:00 p.m.; and by appointment

Department	Meetings with Selectmen					Time
Fire Chief	4/3,	6/12,	8/7,	10/2,	12/11	7:00 p.m.
Road Agent	4/3,	6/12,	8/7,	10/2,	12/11	7:45 p.m.
Police Chief	4/17,	6/26,	8/21,	10/16,	12/20*	7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	4/17,	6/26,	8/21,	10/16,	12/20*	7:45 p.m.

\* The December meetings will be devoted to budget planning

December 20th meeting will be held that evening instead of Christmas the 25th

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